

World's Longest Solar Car Race To Stop In Topeka

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With energy prices on the rise around the country, dozens of college students are preparing to set off on an international trek in futuristic cars that won't consume a single gallon of gasoline.

The North American Solar Challenge (NASC) - more than two-dozen custom-designed, sleek, aerodynamic solar vehicles will rely only on the summer sun to travel from Austin, TX to Calgary, Alberta Canada. Each solar powered car will be stopping in Topeka including a car designed by Kansas State University engineering students.

NASC participants will make history as the first solar car racers to cross an international border. At 2,500 miles, the NASC is the longest solar car race in the world. Approximately 40 teams, mostly from colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, are expected to participate in the trek July 17 - 27. The solar cars are expected to arrive in Topeka at Washburn University on July 19 between 10:30 am – 6:30 p.m. The arrival times of each car will vary depending on weather conditions and car speeds. Please come and support the students.

For additional information please visit www.americansolarchallenge.org/event/asc2005/.



Kansas State University, the only state of Kansas entry, follows Route 66 through the Mojave Desert in California.